

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fixed blade knife or bayonet having integral blade and tang portions and a handle having a cavity extending therethrough from distal to proximal ends. A slot is formed in the tang, extending from an open end at the terminal end of the tang to a closed end, with a narrower slot portion extending from the open end and adjoining a wider portion which extends to the closed end of the slot. A nut having a threaded bore is formed with a first cross dimension slightly smaller than the width of the wider slot portion and a second cross dimension, larger than and perpendicular to the first cross dimension. The nut is inserted laterally into the wider slot portion and the tang, with the nut carried therein, is inserted into the handle cavity, which has a cross sectional outline corresponding to that of the combined tang and nut. A screw is inserted into the bore which forms a portion of the cavity extending into the proximal end of the handle. This bore has portions of different diameters, forming a shoulder which is engaged by the head of the screw, whereby tightening of the screw draws the nut, and thereby the tang, toward the distal end of the handle, holding the blade/tang fixedly to the handle. The screw and/or nut may be easily replaced in the event of damage or breakage without requiring replacement or repair of the blade/tang or the handle.